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WASHINGTON, Jan. 1, 1857.

**Evening Times.**—Today has been a gala day in this city. The President's House, and the houses of the heads of departments, together with the houses of a large number of gentlemen, were thrown open for the reception of the public and of private friends. The reception at the President's house and at the house of the Secretary, commenced at 10 o'clock and continued until 2, during which time great numbers called upon these dignitaries, and were "introduced" to them and their families. Amongst others who run the round of "introduction" was your correspondent, and I, "how humbly come that the whole thing seems to me to be decided both by the visitors and the visited. Indeed, I can conceive of nothing more needlessly stupid and farcical, than to see several thousands of persons march in solemn procession through the President's house, there to be formally "introduced" to him, and then to pass out by another door, without exchanging a single word with him save the "How-do-you-do, sir," of every day introductions. It must be a great annoyance to the President, and reflects no honor or credit upon those who rush to the senescent丞.

The question of the next Cabinet, still continues to excite the politicians of the Capitol.—

Speculations as to who will form the Cabinet are rife, and there are no two men who agree as to who will be the lucky man.

In my last letter I stated that the best impression here was that Kentucky would not be represented in the Cabinet. I have heard nothing that induces me to change that opinion. There are doubtless a large number of persons in the Union who desire that Mr. Guthrie might be retained in the Treasury Department, but I do not think he will be. The impression is positive here, (and I believe well founded,) that Mr. Buchanan will form a Cabinet of entirely new materials. But however that may be, I am satisfied that Mr. Guthrie will not accept the place if it is tendered to him. He desires to return to Kentucky, and to seek that repose from political strife which is impossible to find in Washington. He has filled the part of Secretary of the Treasury with a fidelity never surpassed in the history of the Union, and has won a reputation and popularity never before equalled by any Cabinet officer. He could gain nothing more by remaining in the office another term, and he does not wish to remain.

I still retain the belief that Kentucky will receive the appointment of no considerable office, of any character, under the new administration. A second class mission, and a few minor appointments, will probably be the sum of her patronage. Appoints may therefore look for disappointment.

The correspondent of the Baltimore Sun thinks that Gen. Cass will be Secretary of State and Mr. Cobb, of Georgia, Secretary of the Treasury. I think it probable that Mr. Cobb will be in the Cabinet, but I do not believe that Gen. Cass will be.

The impression is very strong that Mr. Benjamin, of Louisiana, (an old line Whig,) will be made Attorney General, and the belief is gaining ground that James B. Clay, of Kentucky, will be offered a respectable foreign mission.

Washington is a much larger city than I expected to find it, and is rapidly growing in population. The "city" occupies a great extent of territory, and is truly "a city of magnificent distances," but it has changed very much since Mr. Randolph made this remark, and its vacant squares and lots are rapidly filling up with substantial residences, and before many years it will be a compactly built and densely populated city. Its public buildings are large and beautiful, and many of its private residences are only surpassed by those of a few of our oldest cities.

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